

*(Excerpt)* [Announcer]. [Prime Minister] Cavaco Silva has reacted to the Mozambican government's communique on the expulsion of the Portuguese trade attache in Mozambique.

[Cavaco Silva - recording] I regret the stance adopted by the Mozambican government which obviously is completely unjustified. This is mere retaliation against the Portuguese government's decision to expel a Mozambican diplomat who, according to the criminal investigation jurisdiction, was involved in a crime committed in our country. The Mozambican authorities have reacted in a way intended to conceal this illegal act committed by Mozambican diplomats; a Mozambican diplomat in Portugal. The Portuguese government wants to remain calm in this situation, but there are principles over which we will never compromise.

[Announcer] How do you describe this position.

[Reporter] It will be considered (?a confrontation). However, the Prime Minister is more moderate when he refers to the consequences which this may have on relations between Maputo and Lisbon, as we shall here next.

[Cavaco Silva] I think that it [the situation] does not favour the development of relations between the two countries, because there is no explanation whatsoever to the Mozambican government's attitude. We will never allow any foreign citizen - even one with diplomatic immunity - to carry out illegal or criminal acts in our country. This is a principle which we shall never cease to defend with all our strength. But we shall also do our utmost to maintain good relations - co-operation relations - with all African Portuguese-speaking countries. . .*(Radio Renascenca, Lisbon, in Portuguese for abroad 1800 gmt 18 Mar 89)*